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PROVIDE DISTRIBUTED DATA STORAGE AND PROTECTION

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) to WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE
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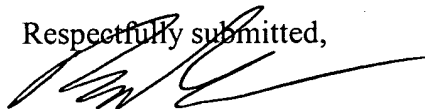
Applicants respectfully petition the Office to withdraw the above-identified pending patent application from issue for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. The issue fee for the above-identified patent application was paid on September 22, 2006.

Filed concurrently with this petition is a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, as well as an Information Disclosure Statement as the required submission for the RCE.

Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted, and that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement be considered in the RCE.

The fee for this Petition under 37 CFR 1.17(h), as well as the RCE fee shall be paid via Applicants' representatives' deposit account no. **50-0311**, reference No. 25452-014. If the Office believes that other fees are also due, the Office is authorized to charge the deposit account number.

Respectfully submitted,



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